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ERP May Again Be Concentrating on U.S. Targets in Argentina

The People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) may be planning to step up its terrorist campaign against American targets in Argentina. It was learned in early February that the ERP leadership has been considering intensifying operations against the United States, particularly against U.S. mission personnel and buildings in Buenos Aires. To further this end, the ERP formed a special unit in late 1974 which is specifically tasked with developing information on U.S. officials and other Americans in Argentina.

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It was further reported that the ERP plans to enlist the cooperation of the Montoneros in conducting operations against American targets, as well as against the Argentine armed forces. [redacted] the Montoneros would probably be willing to cooperate with the ERP in joint operations and thought that these operations might be timed to create chaos in the aftermath of a military coup. The Montoneros believe such a coup will take place shortly.

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The morale of the ERP rank and file has been low during the past few months, chiefly because of the lack of a conspicuous success during a considerable time. Recent reports indicate that the ERP lost a full company in Buenos Aires and has been badly hurt in Tucuman province by the government's counter-subversion campaign. Nine ERP military chiefs are reportedly in jail, and some ERP leaders feel that the government has infiltrated the organization. Other leaders have stated that the Argentine Anti-Communist Alliance (AAA) may have hurt the ERP by instilling sufficient fear among the people to discourage them from joining or cooperating with the ERP. Despite all these losses, [redacted] the ERP currently has 2,000 armed militants with another 2,000 in reserve.

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While operations against U.S. diplomatic targets by the ERP and the Montoneros would certainly upgrade the danger to U.S. personnel, no solid information has been received that both organizations have actually agreed to

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cooperate. The ERP has been badly hurt in Buenos Aires province. It suffered extensive losses in the attack on Monte Chingolo in late December, and lost considerable amounts of weapons when the police raided its arms caches. Therefore it is not known whether the ERP possesses the capabilities to conduct a major operation in Buenos Aires, where most American diplomatic targets are located.

Secondly, it is becoming increasingly evident that U.S. diplomatic personnel have been under close surveillance by various Argentine terrorist groups for the last several years, and indeed seem to be a natural target for leftist terrorist groups. Whether the above reporting reflects this condition or points to a new concentrated effort on the part of the terrorists cannot be determined at this time. The danger to Americans in Argentina is constant and will exist as long as the leftist terrorist groups are active in that country.

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Argentine ERP May Be Losing Faith in Revolutionary
Coordinating Junta

In mid-February a provincial leader of the Argentine People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) remarked, [redacted] that the ERP is discouraged with the Revolutionary Coordinating Junta (JCR). (The JCR, a loose union of various Latin American extremist groups dominated by the ERP, was described in detail in the issue of 22 December 1975.) [redacted] in the ERP's opinion the JCR has not been a success. While it has made some progress in Chile, it has failed in Bolivia and Uruguay. Some ERP leaders feel that ERP representatives in Europe have been softened by too much of ^{the} good life. [redacted]

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I. Terrorist Threats and Plans:Western Hemisphere, Including the United States

Target: Foreign Embassies The Montoneros may attack foreign embassies in Buenos Aires if Roberto Quieto, deputy commander of the Montoneros and recently arrested by Argentine authorities, is killed. [REDACTED]

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Unknown

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Montonero leaders feel they must carry out a spectacular operation in order to strengthen their image. The leaders feel that since Quieto did not put up any resistance when he was arrested, the rank and file view the Montonero leaders as weak. [REDACTED]

Target: PAN AMERICAN MANAGING DIRECTOR ** The Pan American World Airways director has been threatened with death by an anonymous caller who said he was a member of the Montonero guerrilla organization Ala 22 (Wing 22), according to an FBI report. Ala 22 is an unfamiliar designation, and Argentine authorities doubt that the threat originated

Place: Argentina, Buenos Aires

Date: Unknown

** Indicates a new threat reported for the first time.

* Indicates a revision of a threat reported in previous issues.

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